

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer No.: 53080
Akio MISAKA : Confirmation No.: 7423
Application No.: 10/576,120 : Group Art Unit: 1795
Filed: April 18, 2006 : Examiner: Rashid A. ALAM
For: PHOTOMASK (as amended)

AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 21, 2010, wherein a three-month shortened statutory period for response is set to expire on April 21, 2010, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.